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In re application of:)
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Serial No.: 09/775,398)
Filed: January 31, 2001)
For: **DETECTION OF METHYLATED CpG**)
RICH SEQUENCES DIAGNOSTIC)
FOR MALIGNANT CELLS)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 9, 2002, Applicant hereby elects examination of Group I, which includes claims 1-3, drawn to methods for identifying CpG islands. The election is without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 22, 2002

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